

IN THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Claim 19 has been amended.

Claims 20, 21 and 22 have been canceled.

Listing of Claims

Claims 1-18 (cancelled).

Claim 19 (currently amended): A torque transmission device for a motor vehicle, the torque transmission device being a fluid coupling device being one of a Föttinger device and a torque converter, comprising:

- an impeller connectable in a torsionally fixed manner to a drive shaft;
- a turbine connectable in a torsionally fixed manner to an input shaft;
- a housing accommodating the impeller and the turbine;
- a converter lockup clutch configured to lock together the impeller and the turbine in a torsionally fixed manner;
- a flange disposed axially between the impeller and the turbine and connected in a force-locking manner to at least one of the housing and the impeller, the flange also being radially disposed outside of a radially outer end of the impeller and the turbine; and
- a first coupling configured to connect the flange in a frictionally engaged manner to the turbine.

Claims 20 to 22 (canceled).

Claim 23 (previously presented): The torque transmission device as recited in claim 19, further comprising a stator disposed between the impeller and turbine.

Claim 24 (previously presented): The torque transmission device as recited in claim 19,

further comprising a torsional vibration damper coupled to the housing and wherein the flange is mounted on the torsional vibration damper.

Claim 25 (previously presented): The torque transmission device as recited in claim 19, further comprising a third switchable coupling configured to uncouple the impeller from the input shaft, wherein the impeller is rotatable relative to the input shaft in a disengaged state of the third coupling.

Claim 26 (previously presented): The torque transmission device as recited in claim 25, further comprising a second switchable coupling configured to lock the impeller together with the flange in a torsionally fixed manner.

Claim 27 (previously presented): The torque transmission device as recited in claim 25, wherein the third switchable coupling acts between the impeller and the housing.

Claim 28 (previously presented): The torque transmission device as recited in claim 19, wherein the flange is selectively coupleable to at least one of the impeller and the turbine in a torsionally fixed manner.

Claim 29 (previously presented): The torque transmission device as recited in claim 24, wherein the torsional vibration damper is disposed within the housing.

Claim 30 (previously presented): The torque transmission device as recited in claim 19, wherein at least one of the impeller and the turbine are axially displaceable within the housing.

Claim 31 (previously presented): The torque transmission device as recited in claim 26, wherein at least one of the first, second and third couplings is a friction clutch.

Claim 32 (previously presented): The torque transmission device as recited in 31, wherein the friction clutch includes a friction lining.

Claim 33 (previously presented): The torque transmission device as recited in claim 26, wherein at least one of the first, second and third couplings may be disengaged and engaged by an axial displacement of at least one of the impeller and the turbine.

Claim 34 (previously presented): The torque transmission device as recited in claim 33, wherein the axial displacement is performed hydraulically.

Claim 35 (previously presented): The torque transmission device as recited in claim 33, further comprising a first pressure channel and a second pressure channel.

Claim 36 (previously presented): The torque transmission device as recited in claim 35, wherein the first, second and third couplings are disengaged when the first and second pressure channels are at approximately the same pressure.

Claim 37 (previously presented): The torque transmission device as recited in claim 35, wherein the third coupling is engaged, and the first and second coupling are disengaged when the pressure prevailing in the first pressure channel is higher than the pressure prevailing in the second pressure channel.

Claim 38 (previously presented): The torque transmission device as recited in claim 35, wherein the third coupling is disengaged, and the first and second coupling are engaged when the pressure prevailing in the second pressure channel is higher than the pressure prevailing in the first pressure channel.